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SUBJECT: BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM RAF GAN

REF: COLOMBO 1387 (DTG 191145Z APR)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON SHARE REFTEL REPORT WITH FCO
AND INDICATE THAT US TEAM TO US-UK INDIAN OCEAN TALKS MAY
4-5 WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BRITISH UPDATE AND COMMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM ON GAN.

2. OUR LATEST INFO ON SUBJECT IS APPROACH FROM UK EMBASSY
HERE IN MID-JANUARY 1976 INDICATING HMG HAD ARRANGED WITH
MALDIVIANS THAT LATTER WOULD EXCLUDE THIRD PARTIES FROM
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USE OF GAN EVEN AFTER LAPSE OF 1965 AGREEMENT CAUSED BY

FINAL RAF DEPARTURE FROM GAN. UK IN TURN, WOULD AGREE TO LEAVE AIRPORT IN USABLE CONDITION, HAND OVER CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AT AIRPORT TO MALDIVIANS, AND MAKE "CERTAIN OTHER AID ARRANGEMENTS". THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN AGREED TO FORMALLY DURING JANUARY 19 MEETING IN LONDON BETWEEN MANIKU AND MOD PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (AIR.) WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER AGREEMENT WAS FORMALLY REACHED. SISCO

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